

Six Japanese Students Visit South High School

South High School, which closed its doors to students at the end of July, opened them for an afternoon recently.

The occasion was the visit of six university students from Tokyo, Japan. Haig Marashlian, vice principal, took the visitors on a tour of the empty buildings.

They viewed the classrooms and library, toured the cafeteria kitchens and gymnasium and examined the chemistry lab. They climbed up to the campus roof-top weather station, visited the hot house, and peeked at home economics patio. They saw a short-wave radio station, stopped off in an auto-repair shop, and visited the office machine laboratory where business skills are taught.

And they got a quickie lesson on the workings of the American school system — complete with blackboard illustrations.

THE HIGH school tour was

Taste for 'Good Reading' One Aim of New Programs

Torrance school officials believe they have hit on the answer to the problem "How do we get children to develop a taste for the 'good books'?"

Key to the problem, according to Mrs. Margaret Collin, curriculum consultant, is to expose every child to the very best literature available from the moment they learn to read.

In an effort to insure all Torrance students a well-balanced literary diet, Torrance educators spent several months last year surveying the field of children's books. They collected titles of "best books," read and evaluate

everything on the recommended lists, and finally came up with a guide containing what they considered to be the cream of the children's literary crop.

RESULTS OF their study were published in a district guide for teachers; and members of the Education Materials Building staff proceeded to set up kits of recommended books which will be circulating in the elementary schools this fall.

To supplement the reading program literary activities suggested in the guide range from story clubs for first graders to discussions of values by eighth graders. Suggested readings will serve as springboards for dramatic presentations, choral readings, and original writings.

Included in the book kits are a balance of the finest in our literary heritage as well as the best in current writings, according to Mrs. Collin.

Members of the literary workshop committee included Mrs. Mavis Bernhagen, Mrs. June Bullock, Donald Credell, Wilbert Eden, Lois Ellis, Philip Korman, John Kinder, Leah Olson, Mrs. Lynn Shidler, John Townley, and Mrs. Daphne Yassir. Coordinator was Mrs. Collin.

Capt. Norman D. Mattson, 3502 W. 227th Place, is currently on active duty for two weeks with the 8646th Air Force Recovery Group at Long Beach Municipal Airport.

Nat King Cole Concert to Aid Lions' Project

Nat King Cole will appear with a full 20-piece orchestra in a special benefit concert at 8:30 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Sea Arena at Marina of the Pacific on behalf of the Manhattan Beach Lions' Club.

Proceeds of the concert will be used toward helping establish a Lions' Club mobile eye examination station.

The charity contribution is \$5 per ticket. T. R. Schott, president of the local Lions Club, says mail orders for tickets can be sent to Lions' Club Concert, Box 554, Manhattan Beach, Calif. Or, call the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce at FR 2-5862 for information.

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